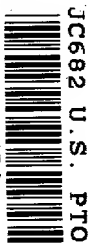


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Transmittal of Continuation-in-Part Patent Application
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor(s): Herbert Hooper, Sharat Singh, Travis Boone, Rolfe Anderson, David Albagli and Antonio Ricco and entitled:

MULTIPLE-SITE SAMPLE-HANDLING APPARATUS AND METHOD

1. Enclosed are:

- ☒ One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp.
- ☒ Certificate of Express Mail.
- ☒ One utility patent application containing text pages 1-64 and
 - ☒ 19 Sheets of drawings.
- ☒ Declaration of Inventorship (unsigned).
- ☒ Request to Use Computer-Readable Form of Sequence Listing from Parent Application, printout of Sequence Listing, and Matching Declaration.

2. Amendment

- ☐ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee. It is understood that only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered for this purpose.
- ☐ Please cancel original claims *, inclusive, before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim should be retained for filing purposes.)

3. Extension of Time

- ☐ A petition for extension of time has been filed in the parent to extend the pendency of the parent to * (copy enclosed).
- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

4. U.S. Priority

- ☒ This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/788,209, filed February 16, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

5. Foreign Priority

☐ Priority of Application No. * filed in * on * is claimed under 35 USC §119.

6. Prior Documents Still In Effect

- ☒ This application and parent application Serial No. 09/788,209 filed February 16, 2001 are assigned of record to Aclara BioSciences, Inc., sent for recording in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 6, 2001.
- ☒ Power of Attorney in the above-identified prior application is to Peter J. Dehlinger, Reg. No. 28,006, and the other attorneys or agents identified therein.

7. Entity Status

☒ Small entity status is proper under 37 CFR 1.28(a).

8. Fees

The filing fee has been calculated taking into account any amendments in section 2 above:

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**Request to Use Computer-Readable Form of
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Sir:

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing in the above-identified application is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in Application Ser. No. 09/788,209 on August 6, 2001. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(e), please use the computer readable form from the parent as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary changes in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included in the originally filed specification of the instant application.

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